

**REMARKS****Prior Art Rejections:**

In the Office Action mailed on November 22, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 13-18 as being obvious in view of certain prior art. These claims are being canceled by this amendment document.

**Allowed Claims:**

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-12 and 19-23. With the cancellation of claims 13-18, these allowed claims are the only claims left pending, and thus this application should be in condition for allowance.

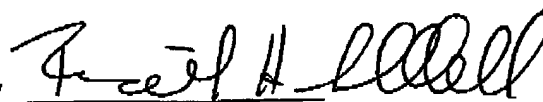
**Conclusions**

Claims 13-18 have been canceled. Claims 1-12 and 19-23 have been allowed. The instant application should now be in condition for allowance.

There should be no fees associated with this amendment. However, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees incurred due to this amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-2116.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass this application to the Notice of Allowance stage.

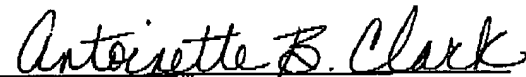
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